



December 7th, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Be Amazed!
Second Advent

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Darrell Winger

Call to Worship

Leader: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

**People: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;
we are cut off completely.**

Leader: Thus say the Lord God: "Come from the four winds,
O breath, and breathe upon these slain,
that they may live."

People: Can these dry bones live?

Leader: The wind of God moves among these dry bones.
Stand and live!

**People: We are the people of God, a vast multitude,
filled with God's Spirit.**

Leader: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.
I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know
that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

**All: You are the only source of true life, O God.
You breathe new life into our dry bones and fill us
with your peace. We stand before you,
ready to enter your story and be amazed.**

Prayer

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Leader: We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits
dry and cracked from conflict, aching for peace
to pour into the crevices to revive us.

People: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.

**All: May your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones.
Bind us together, strengthen and unite us,
that we might dance!**

Theme Song

Come Hope of the World

Grace Singers

Hymn

Bless'd Be the God of Israel

VT #223

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Grace Singers	<i>Ready My Heart</i>	
Prayers of the People		Darrell Winger
Hymn	<i>Rain Down</i>	VT #703
Scripture Reading	Psalm 51:1-12 (OT p.520)	
Hymn	<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	VT #237
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT p.806)	
Meditation	“Dry Bones Rising”	Doug Schulz
Hymn of Response	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	VT #368
Benediction		Doug Schulz
Sending Hymn	<i>The Peace of the Earth Be With You</i>	VT #838
Postlude		

*It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.
[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]*

Coffee Time after the service in the Church Hall

The Practical Christianity Study will continue after church in the Fellowship Room today. We shall be looking at First Timothy, Chapter Two. This will be the last study of the Advent season, and we will resume on January 11th. (Epiphany) Kevin McCabe

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday, November 30th – 41

Budget offerings for Month of November are \$11,021.49

Advent 3 Sunday December 14th ~ Speaker: Laur Steven
Scripture Readings: Psalm 42; Isaiah 40:1-5

Church Council ~ Wednesday December 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Semi Annual Meeting ~ Sunday December 14th after the service

Women’s Chorus ~ December 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Coffee, Cider and Cookies in the Church Hall after the service

Sadly, John Berg passed away earlier this week. Let's be in prayer for the Berg family in this time of loss.

Updates from Jan Steven:

Bears and Blankets – 1461 Care Kits in 46 Care Homes.

Free Books for Kids - 2275 books in at least 16 schools.

AND we are now receiving free NEW children's books from First Book Canada.

Thank you for YOUR help, and for donations from folks in the community and Value Village. / Jan S.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.

This week we are praying for **Avon Mennonite Church**.

Troy Watson and Stephen Kennedy provide pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this congregation as they strive to be a welcoming community where people can experience belonging, encounter God's presence, and grow.

In this Advent season of longing and light, **we pray for peace to break into every corner of our world**. May the hope we await in Christ soften hearts, heal conflict and guide all nations toward justice and compassion.



Moment for MEDA - "If it weren't for this support, I wouldn't be here today." These words from

Guatemalan entrepreneur Mónica Machambaesa reflect the impact of the Women's Empowerment for Central America (WE4CA) project, supported by Global Affairs Canada.

MEDA and partners shared early results last week, highlighting how women are gaining economic independence through training, community support, and new business opportunities. Stories from participants like Mónica and Marla Karina Chanta showed how these programs are helping families thrive and communities grow.

The project is a reminder of how partnership can change lives — and there's more to come.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates - "*Creating business solutions to poverty.*" <https://www.meda.org/>

Invitation to the Candlelight Service at NUMC

A warm invitation for all, to Niagara United Mennonite's Candlelight Service on Sunday December 21st at 7:00pm. (1776 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake.) We hope you'll join us!

Friends: if you are able and willing to contribute to the bake table at Westview centre4women Christmas party, on **December 18th**; can you please bring your cookies or squares to church on Sunday the 14th? They will go directly into the freezer and I will come get them the following Thursday. Thanks so much in advance for supporting the women in our community struggling throughout this season and beyond. If you have any questions, please reach out. Erika

MCC – Give Gifts of Comfort & Joy!



Check out the magazine MCC “Gifts of Comfort and Joy” on the round table in the foyer. Help yourself to a copy.

You can give online at

<https://mcc.org/christmas> or you can give at our church through cash, cheque, or e-transfer.

Be sure to note that the donation is for MCC – Give Gifts of Comfort & Joy!



The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.
 Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 For ever and ever. Amen.

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